

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A device for examining chemical and/or biological samples is provided that includes ~~comprises~~ a sample carrier ~~(10) for receiving the samples~~. The sample carrier ~~(10) comprises~~ includes a sample carrier wall (12) through which a sample is examined with the aid of an objective ~~(14)~~. The objective ~~(14) comprises~~ includes an exit lens ~~(16) which that~~ defines a gap ~~(20)~~ towards an outer surface ~~(18)~~ of the sample carrier wall (12), in which gap a film (22) of an immersion material can be arranged such that the film (22) is in contact with both the outer surface ~~(18)~~ and the exit lens ~~(16)~~. The exit lens (16) is surrounded by ~~a protection means (24) which is in particular configured as an~~ objective cap. To improve protection of the objective ~~(14)~~ from becoming fouled by the immersion medium, the ~~protection means comprises~~ objective cap includes a capillary channel ~~(30)~~ connected with a suction ~~means~~ device for discharging the immersion medium.

~~(Fig. 1)~~